

Following are some sources of data about communities in North Carolina. In most cases, the source contains information for counties or other geographic sub-areas of the state, with statewide data for comparison where available. Sources of data that provide information only for the state as a whole are generally not included. This listing of data sources is divided into two categories: data available on the Internet and contacts to organizations with data.

## County-Level Data Available on the Internet

Most North Carolina county/district health departments now have websites. A list of health departments, as well as their contact information and website addresses are available on the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors website: [www.ncalhd.org/county.htm](http://www.ncalhd.org/county.htm).

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### [www.state.nc.us](http://www.state.nc.us)

This is the **State of North Carolina** website. Some of the state department websites described below can be accessed through this main state home page. In addition, there are links to many other state agencies from this North Carolina home page, and many of these state agency websites have links to other websites related to their topic area. Click on “NC Agencies” from the main state home page.

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### [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS)

The **State Center for Health Statistics** (919-733-4728) has maintained a website for over a decade. This site describes the programs and services of the State Center, and offers a plethora of county-level data that can assist communities in performing their assessment. Most useful in this regard is the North Carolina Comprehensive Assessment for Tracking Community Health (CATCH) system which can be found here: [www.schs.state.nc.us/schs/catch](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/schs/catch). Additionally, the State Center continues to generate the *County Health*

*Data Book* annually. The latest edition of the *Data Book* can be found at: [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/databook](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/databook). The State Center also offers additional information by county such as the recent addition of our biannual *Trends in Key Health Indicators* report, which presents graphs depicting county and statewide trends for select health measures: [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/trends/pdf](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/trends/pdf).

Other county-level information, such as the *North Carolina Health Statistics Pocket Guide* and *Leading Causes of Death*, can also be accessed on the SCHS website from this page: [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/county.cfm](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/data/county.cfm).

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### [www.osbm.state.nc.us/ncosbm/facts\\_and\\_figures/state\\_data\\_center.shtm](http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/ncosbm/facts_and_figures/state_data_center.shtm)

The **North Carolina State Data Center** (SDC) maintains a comprehensive website with a great deal of data available by county. Most useful is LINC (Log Into North Carolina) which provides Web access to over 1,300 data items from state and federal agencies. The site includes the ability to query Census data, including information on housing and on the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the population. These data are available for very small geographic areas. In addition, via its LINC query system, it provides data on vital statistics and health, social and human services, education, law enforcement, and a variety of other topic areas.

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### [www.irss.unc.edu/odum/jsp](http://www.irss.unc.edu/odum/jsp)

The **Odum Institute for Research in Social Science** (919-962-3061) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill provides a variety of public opinion poll and other data through its website. See especially the Data Archive section where under Data Holdings you will find North Carolina data. Also accessible from the Data Archives section are NC Vital Statistics data, where complete public use data files for births,